GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:124
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2016
Suicide by Police Personnel
Sule Smt. Supriya Sadanand;Venkatesh Babu Shri T.G.

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of suicide committed by police personnel have been reported in States and UTs, recently;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year, gender and State-wise including Delhi police personnel;

(c) whether the Government has identified the causes/circumstances behind such incidents and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government, in coordination with the States, has any proposal to provide adequate and modern arms training and reduce stress and work load of such personnel as well as motivate the lower rung of the police force and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other measures taken by the Government to check such cases in future and improve the working conditions of police personnel along with the steps taken so far for the welfare of police personnel in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*124 FOR 03.05.2016.

(a) & (b): 'Police' and 'Law and Order' are State subjects, falling in Entry 1 and 2 of List −II of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. However, as per data maintained by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), State/Union Territory-wise breakup of number of suicides by police personnel in the calendar years 2012, 2013 and 2014 is at Annexure-I. So far as the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and Assam Rifles (AR), are concerned, force and gender-wise details of personnel who committed suicide during each of the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-II.

(c): The causative factors in most of the cases were found to be personal and domestic problems such as marital discords, personal enmity, mental illness, depression etc. In few cases the same could be owing to work related stress.

(d) & (e): Since personnel matters of state police are handled by states themselves, the Government of India has no direct role in improving the working conditions and welfare of the state police personnel. However,
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Union Government has been advising the State Governments for improving the working conditions of their police personnel and to undertake necessary welfare measures. They have also been advised to put in place an effective mechanism for redressal of personnel grievances and resolution of inter-personal problems and to conduct appropriate sensitization training programmes. Central assistance for better infrastructural facilities at police stations and strengthening of State Government training institutions is provided to State Police through the Scheme of Modernisation of Police Force. Funds provided for infrastructural development of State Police Force under this scheme also contribute to maintaining morale of the State police personnel. So far as CAPFs/AR are concerned, various measures taken by the Government of India to improve the working conditions and welfare of these police personnel are listed at Annexure-III.

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